

2026 AUSTIN COUNTY
FAIR
23rd ANNUAL
LITTLE MISS & MISTER
JR. MISS & MISTER
JR. FAIR QUEEN

1. CATEGORIES: LITTLE MISS/MISTER (4-6 Years at the beginning of the school year)
JR. MISS/MISTER (7-9 Years at the beginning of the school year)
JR. FAIR QUEEN (10-14 Years at the beginning of the school year)
2. EVENT TAKES PLACE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 AT THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR CONVENTION & EXPO CENTER. LITTLE MISS & MISTER AT 9:00 A.M., JR. MISS & MISTER AT 11:00 A.M. AND JR. FAIR QUEEN AT 1:00 P.M. PLEASE CHECK IN DRESSED AND READY TO GO 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED APPEARANCE. THESE ARE JUST TIME ESTIMATES, WE WILL TRY AND STAY AS CLOSE TO THE TIMES AS WE CAN.
3. ENTRY FEE IS \$35.00 PER PARTICIPANT PAYBALE TO THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION (\$5.00 SIBLING DISCOUNT TO BE APPLIED)
4. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE A RESIDENT OF/OR ATTEND SCHOOL IN AUSTIN COUNTY. PREVIOUS WINNERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN SAME AGE GROUP.
5. WINNERS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO RIDE IN THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR PARADE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026. WINNERS' PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WILL ALSO NEED TO MEET WITH SHANNON OR KEVIN HANATH AT THE END OF EACH CONTEST TO DISCUSS PARADE DETAILS.
6. PARTICIPANTS WILL WEAR THEIR CHOICE OF WESTERN ATTIRE.
7. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE JUDGED 90% ON PERSONALITY/INTERVIEW ON STAGE AND 10% ON ATTIRE. ALL JUDGES WILL BE FROM OUT OF THE COUNTY. JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
8. THERE WILL BE AN OPTIONAL PHOTOGENIC CONTEST FOR EACH CATEGORY. ADDITIONAL \$5.00 FEE PER PHOTO (NO LARGER THAN 4X6) ENTRY. PHOTOGENIC CONTEST IS OPTIONAL AND HAS NO BEARING ON THE OVERALL WINNERS. PHOTOS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE END OF EACH CATEGORY.
9. A WINNER AND TWO (2) ALTERNATES, ALONG WITH PHOTOGENIC AND WESTERN WEAR WILL BE NAMED IN EACH CATEGORY. PRIZES TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE AWARDS CEREMONY.
10. ENTRY FORM, FEES & NEWSPAPER PHOTO ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY AND ARE DUE BY **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**. PHOTOGENIC PHOTOS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE FAIR OFFICE BY **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE FAIR OFFICE AT (979) 865-5995 OR SHANNON HANATH AT (832) 715-1639.
11. WINNING PARTICIPANTS CANNOT LEAVE UNTIL ALL WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED. THERE WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHS AFTER THE LAST CATEGORY.
12. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO COME TO THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS – BRANDES ENTERTAINMENT CENTER ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR A GROUP PHOTO OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. THIS WILL BE FOR A BANNER THAT WILL LIST ALL SPONSORS AND WILL BE HANGING AT THE FAIR.